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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CHANGE IN US
POSITION ON PALM OIL

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 2582, (B) STATE 90617

1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING AND INFORMATION PROVIDED
REFTEL B, TO MAKE AN ORAL RESPONSE TO THE MALAYSIAN GOVERN-
MENT.

2. ON APRIL 28 HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HELD HEARINGS
ON H.R. 1856, A BILL TO IMPOSE A 3 CENTS PER POUND TAX ON
PALM OIL IMPORTS FOR EDIBLE PURPOSES. THE ADMINISTRATIONS
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WRITTEN COMMENTS OPPOSING THIS LEGISLATION, WERE ENTERED
INTO THE RECORD AND THE COMMITTEE CHOSE TO TAKE NO ACTION
ON THE BILL.

3. HOUSE RESOLUTION 109 WAS INTRODUCED BY MR. MATHIS, ON
JANUARY 13 AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE
AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THIS RESOLUTION ASKS THE

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOREIGN PALM OIL INDUSTRY ON THE DOMESTIC VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY AND, IF THE STUDY JUSTIFIES SUCH ACTION, RECOMMEND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATE IMPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS. IN THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF CONGRESS, AN IDENTICAL RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED AND ALSO REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTION AT THAT TIME.

4. IN ADDITION, MR. MATHIS HAS INTRODUCED INTO THE HOUSE THIS SESSION SEVERAL OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS CONCERNING PALM OIL.

--H.RES. 300 - WOULD REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF PALM OIL INDUSTRY ON THE DOMESTIC VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY AND RECOMMEND US DISCOURAGE FURTHER INTERNATIONAL LOANS.

--H.RES. 301 - IDENTICAL TO H.R. 109

--H.R. 3673 - A BILL TO REQUIRE LABELING OF IMPORTED PALM OIL AND OTHER PURPOSES.

5. TO DATE NO FURTHER HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED ON ANY LEGISLATION CONCERNING PALM OIL.

6. FYI: OUR BEST JUDGEMENT IS THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEORETICALLY THE LEGISLATION IS STILL PENDING, WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE MALAYSIAN AIDE MEMOIRE.
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